

**Arkansas Department of Health Radiation Control
Medical Ionizing Radiation Licensure Committee (MIRLC)
Minutes -Tuesday, July 8, 2025; 3:04 p.m. – 4:02p.m.**

Committee members present via Teams were Tracy McKnight(Chair), Shane David, Rogerich Paylor, M.D., Richard Nelson, M.D., and Paul Bruce MS, DABR. Also, in attendance Bernard Bevill, Charles Thompson, Brian Nichols, Reginald Rogers, Laura Shue, Deborah Reagan, Craig Smith, Summer Khairi, Tiffany Young, and Adelia Oldenbroek. Brittany Watson attended as a guest. This meeting was held virtually via Teams.

Welcome and Introduction

Mr. Rogers called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm. Mr. Bevill took roll call. Mr. Rogers said that since there were several vacancies on the committee that a quorum has been established.

Minutes Review:

There was no second quarter meeting held in April. The minutes from the January 7, 2025, meeting were presented and reviewed. Dr. Paylor made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Mr. David seconded the motion. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: None

Follow up: None

Current Complaints/Violations: None

New Business:

Request for License Extension:

Brittany Watson, Temporary Radiologic Technologist License #0834501, came before the board to request an extension of her temporary license. She explained that she was on maternity leave for three months and unable to train and study. Mr. McKnight asked if Ms. Watson should be excused to allow the committee to discuss the matter of her extension. Mr. Thompson explained that current guidance from the Attorney General's Office is that nothing is off the record and Ms. Watson may stay for the deliberations. Mr. McKnight asked if there was a standard time frame issued for extensions. Mr. Rogers said that it was typically extended on a case-by-case basis. Ms. Oldenbroek and Mr. Bevill both said that usually an extension was issued for 90 days. Dr. Paylor expressed concerns regarding deliberation while licensees were present. Mr. Thompson said that since the current guidance states nothing is off the record Ms. Watson would not be asked to leave. The committee asked Ms. Watson if she had made an attempt at the exam and she indicated that she had applied for it but has not scheduled it yet. Mr. David expressed consideration to extend her license for 90 days with the caveat that Ms. Watson sit for the exam within that time period. Dr. Nelson and Mr. McKnight agreed. Mr. David made a motion that Ms. Watson's license be extended for 90 days with the anticipation that the exam would be taken within that time. Dr. Nelson seconded the vote and it passed unanimously.

Legal Update:

Mr. Smith said he had three topics to discuss. The first topic was Act 505 regarding public meetings and the Freedom of Information Act. He explained the Department's legal office would be drafting bylaws for this committee, which will include provisions that outline remote attendance requirements for identifying members that are attending remotely and their votes. This will ensure that everyone is noted as voting and that it is part of the record. Those ballots will be prepared before the next meeting and sent out for

committee review. Also, the Department has drafted proposed amendments to the Rules Pertaining to Radiologic Technology Licensure for the committee to review and vote for acceptance. Mr. Bevill will discuss that shortly along with sharing some amendments for the Rules for Control of Sources of Ionizing Radiation. Those will not require a vote. Mr. Smith encouraged the committee to reach out with any questions regarding either of the “Rule” changes or Act 505 as it relates to this committee.

Mr. Bevill briefly reviewed the proposed amendments to the Rules Pertaining to Radiologic Technology Licensure. The changes add three definitions, *Cardiovascular Electrophysiology Specialist License*, *Invasive Cardiovascular Specialist*, and *Cardiac Electrophysiology Specialist*. He also explained that Act 695 will add language dealing with establishing a state apprentice agency. Mr. McKnight asked what the Electrophysiology Specialist License and classifications would allow licensees to do. Mr. Bevill explained it would allow them to work with fluoroscopy in a Cath Lab setting. Mr. David explained the steps to having rules approved. If the committee votes to accept the changes it would go to the Board of Health for approval, next to the governor, then for public comment. After public comment, the changes would go to various legislative committees for approval. Mr. Rogers and Mr. Thompson briefly explained codification. Mr. Bruce made a motion to accept the rule changes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Nelson. The committee voted unanimously to accept the changes.

Mr. Bevill briefly touched on changes to the Rules for Control of Sources of Ionizing Radiation. He reminded the committee of two topics that had been previously discussed would change with the upcoming revisions. The rule requiring gonadal shielding has been removed along with the requirement that a radiologist be present during a diagnostic mammogram to comply with the passage of Act 854. Mr. David reminded the committee that no vote is required because this information was only to update the committee on topics previously discussed.

Next Meeting Scheduled

Mr. McKnight suggested to schedule the fourth quarter meeting for October 7, 2025 and the first quarter meeting for next year on January 6, 2026 . A motion was made by Shane David and seconded by Dr. Paylor to have both meetings on the proposed dates. The motion passed

The next two Quarterly Medical Ionizing Radiation Licensure Committee meetings are set for 3:00 p.m. on October 7, 2025, and January 6, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. and July 8, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

Meeting Termination

The meeting ended at 4:02 p.m. with a motion from Mr. David and seconded by Dr. Nelson. The motion passed.